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" Requesting to know if the Prinl. Collector concurred with his sub for sale of Land for recovery of certain balance, and if so that an advertisement might be submitted to the Board for publication in the Office 555

" Sanctioning Rupees 10-13-8 of the Contingent Charges of the 1st Quarter of fasly 1254 557

14th Calling for Quarterly Statement of Contingent Charges commencing from 1st October might be made up with reference to the orders of Government under date 28th July 1843 for each Calender year instead of fasly year as heretofore 558

18th Observing that in case the period fixed for Mr. Elliots promise of speedy disposal of all Charges against Sham Row be materially exceeded it will be desirable the Mr. Blackburne as Magistrate to bring them to a close without further delay 560

18th Authorizing disbursement of Rupees 1762.15.9 for Repairs of Pagodas & Chuttrums from the Surplus funds of those institutions — 562

" Forwarding Petitions bearing Endorsement — 564

" Calling attention to the Notification of the 12th Inst published in the Official Gazzette regarding the rate of duty at 2 Rupees ℔ Maund to be charged on Salt imported by Sea into any part of the Presidency — 565

21st Proceedings approving those reported in the Principal Collectors letter under date 5th Instant — 567

25th Forwarding petition No. 1340 of 1844 from Chokalingumpillay & Calling for report on loss sustained by him from an early termination of his Contract — 568

Directing request to the Subordinate Court for extension of Six Weeks to file answer to Suit No 3 of 1844 regarding a Village in Shevagungah — 570

" Intimating publication of advertisement for sale of Land — 572

28th Calling for report of Police Establishment he Considers sufficient for Shevagungah — 574

" Calling for information as to Comara Narasimma Appia Naicks right of succession to the Cunnewady Estate in reference to the prevailing Custom of the family, as Nearest Heir of late Zemindar, and suggesting if a provision should not be made for the Widow of the deceased Zemindar & postponement of registry of the Estate in the present claimants name till expectation of posthumous issue pass away — 576

[?]2 Desiring to be informed before authorizing sale of puttah Lands of 13 Inhabitants of Nelyoor in Madacolum if the above persons were fully informed at

at Commencement of the Cultivating Season of their liability for full rates of assess.t — 578

5.th Directing maintainment in future of the maund of 3200 tolas as the weight of an Indian maund in all Government transactions and Calling for report of the Scales & weights lately used in the Sayer Department cannot by adjustment be made available, and if not ordering new weights &c.a to be made up in Madura; Estimate of the probable Costs being previously submitted for Sanction — 581

" S. Suggesting propriety of the Principal Collector calling up Cases and examining the nature of the evidence the Joint Magistrate stated he had against the Tahsildar Dhondoo Row further than noticed in the Principal Collectors letter of the 27th August. Observing Mr Elliots recurrence to a certain case of brief disposed of in Communication with the Principal Collector was unnecessary. Regretting to observe that Mr Elliot exceeded his bounds in remarking on certain proceedings in 1842 in the Case of a former Tahsildar of Lyempully and Directing payment of Dhondoo Rows Salary as he had been restored — 583

9 4 " Transmitting petition No 1118 of 1844 from Palaney Appa Modely Curnom of Cumbum Village & Enclosing a letter addressed to the Sub Collector (Mr W Elliot) — 589

" Proceedings intimating that Madura bandies supplied for the 15th Regiment N. I. would be relieved by the Principal Collector of Coimbatore on arrival in his District under Min. Con. of the 12th April 1841, and Approving Mr Blackburnes distinction of rates of hire between Carts to be relieved in the next District & those taken farther — 592

12 4 " Forwarding petitions bearing Endorsement — 601

" Transmitting petitions from Mooneyan Chetty with the Governments order thereon — 602

19 4th Ditto Minutes of Consultation of 14th instant with a letter from the Board to Govt of the 2d Idem, authorizing defense

in the first instance at the public Expense of Suit No. 3 of 1844 instituted in the Southern Provincial Court against the Principal Collector and late Hd. Sherestadar of Madura to Recover possession of a Village in Poonjathi Sheevagunga Zemindary assumed as Ain & of five years profit from fasly 1247 to 51 — 603

23 Renewing Call for Explanation on the subject of the Report of the Commissioners Messrs. Drury & Morehead trans:mitted on the 18th September — 612

" Forwarding Min Con of 18th instant, requesting to know what the Collector meant by a dependency of a Sea Custom house & if he had granted Port Clearances irrespective of Section 50 of Act VI of 1844 — 613

" Directing Submission of the usual advertisement as ♃ Form accompanying for Sale of the Thogamalay Polliam for publication in their Office — 619

28th Forwarding Min Con: of 14th Instant Prohibiting under Act XVIII of 1835 private persons wearing ~~into Government Servants~~ a Badge on a Belt over the shoulder but permitting use of Badges as allowed by Law in any other manner; avoiding resemblance of or liability to be mistaken for those worn by Govt. Servants — 620

" Ditto Min: Con: of 27th July 1844 with a letter from the Court of Directors dated 1st May 1844 and it's enclosure being one from them to the Bombay Government of 27th March 1844 on the rights of alienated Villages such as Enam Jaghire &ca. to participate in any General measures of alienation that may be extended to the Company's Villages No Enam Village shall be surveyed without the Consent of the Enamdar further than taking the exact measurement of its boundaries — 623

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
22nd January, 1844.
Rcd 30th Jy

From
E. C. Lovell Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Depart.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government under date 31st October last, and to request that you will as soon as possible report how far the jurisdiction of Village Moonsiffs therein

therein referred to, has in your estimation afforded satisfaction to the people and been productive of advantage:—

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George
22d. January 1844
~~Desp~~ 26 Do.
Recd 30th Jy

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servant,

Wm. A Sault
Acting Secretary

To
J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Compd. Srotamberk

Judicial Department

No. 660.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 31st October, 1843.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council proceeds to take into consideration the letter in this Department from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 19th July 1843 No. 6

Para 2. Ordered also that a copy of para 4 be forwarded to the Board of Revenue, who will report the opinion of the fiscal officers without delay for the information of the Honorable Court - The Board will observe, that the Court are desirous of receiving the explanation called for on an early date. -

Extract

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 19th July, 1843 No. 6.

Para 4. The Village Moonsiffs exercise jurisdiction to the extent of ten Rupees, and their proceedings are free from Institution-fee or Stamp duty and not liable to appeal - The object is to provide for the adjustment of petty controversies, by means of the authority or influence of the Head of the Village, without expense or interruption to the ordinary pursuits of life - We should be glad to learn whether, in the estimation of the local Officers, Collector as well as Judge, this

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this institution has operated for the benefit of the people, and has afforded them satisfaction. We have still to remark that in several districts it has proved entirely a dead letter. In the whole 23 districts 2249 cases were disposed of in the half year under review but there were 10 districts in which the aggregate number disposed of was under 50, and 5 districts in which there was not 1. We have never received from you any explanation of the cause of this irregularity to which we have repeatedly drawn your attention. Whether it be attributable to difference of habits and circum-stances or to the want of proper assistance and encouragement

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on the part of the Officers of Government, its cause, we conceive, must admit of being ascertained, and, we hope, removed, if the institution has been productive of advantage in those Districts in which it has not been inoperative —

(True Extracts)

(Signed) J. F. Thomas
Secretary to Govt.

(True Copies)

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Acting Secretary

Recd 30 Jany 1846 [illegible]

Compd. [illegible]

Vide Mr letter No. 154 d/ 11.12.43

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 25th January 1844.

Recd 2nd Feby 1844

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 11th December 1843.

(Here enter No. 154)

The Board approve the proceeding reported in Para 1 of the above letter.

The Report of the 4th of August last on Petition No. 42 of 1843 has not been received, and as it appears from the Principal Collector's Endorsement on the Petition to have been addressed not to the Board but to Government, the Board therefore referred the Petitioner

to

to this Endorsement.

The Petitions are enclosed, No 42 & 1276 of 1843

and the Principal Collector is requested to return them with the Board's Endorsements thereon, to the Petitioners.

(A true Extract)

Recd 2 Feby 1844 JB

Wm. C. [illegible]
Acting Secretary.

Desp 29th Jany 1844.
Comp. [illegible] Lambert

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Revenue Department.

To

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The COLLECTOR of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of Septr & Octr last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
12th February 1844.
Despd 15 Do
Recd 18th

Recd 18th February 1844 JB

Madura.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of October 1843.

Nos.	Names of the Petitioners.	Purports of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
1053 of 1843.	From Pyanee Meerassy Petitian of Muthely in the Talook of Mandacolum in the Zillah of Madura.	States that certain Maunium lands long in the enjoyment of Petitioner's ancestors and afterwards in his own had been subsequently usurped by a Brahmin named Seeta Rama Iyer, who tho' repeatedly prohibited by the authorities still persists in holding unjust possession - Pray for orders for his Meerassy Maunium being restored to him.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into and dispose of this Petition by Endorsement. 9th October 1843.

1611 of 1843.	From Mahadava Iyen late Aumeen of Aroo:noothumungalum Talook in Ramnad Zemindary in Madura.-	Complaining of his unjust dismissal from Office by the present Manager of the Ramnad Zemindary, that he had repeatedly addressed the authorities without effect. Pray for orders for his being reinstated in Office.-	Referred to the Prinei:pal Collector of Madura for disposal.- 9th October 1843.
1612 of D°.	From Moottooveerayee Nat:chear lawful wife of late Moottoovejia Ragoo:nada Saithoopathy Rajah and adopted Mother of the late Vizia Ragoonada Ramaswamy Saithoopathy Zemindar of Ramnad	Complains that an opening has been made in the wall that separated her dwelling apartments from those of the other members of the Family who are opposed to her by which she is much annoyed and her safety endangered.- Prays for orders for precautions being taken	Referred to the Prinei:pal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to bestow on it such notice as the case may seem to merit.- 9th October 1843.

	in Madura.-	... her from harm.-	
1813 of Do.	From Do.— Do.	Complains of obstacles raised by the members of her family who are opposed to her performing certain annual Ceremony for her deceased Husband the late Original Zemindar with her observations, and praying for the Board's orders.-	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to bestow on it such notice as the case may seem to merit.-

9th October 1813.

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1063 of 1843.	From Moottoovcroyee Natche:yan lawful wife of Mool:toovyia Ragoonada Sathoopathy late Zemindar of Ramnad in Madura.–	Complains that the keys of certain Gates in the Palace hitherto kept by Petitioner have been taken from her and placed under the orders of those opposed to her by which her servants and agents are denied a free passage whenever required. Prays for this inconvenience being removed.–	Referred to the Princi:pal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to bestow on it such notice as the case may seem to merit.– 9th October 1843.
1252 of do.	From Moottakelaw Umba:lagan Cultivating Ryot of Maniyamanlum putty subject to the Shevagunga Zemindary in Madura.–	Complains of an increased warum being demanded on certain Poonjah lands long cultivated by Petitioner over and above the rate hitherto paid. Prays for orders for the usual Teerwah being collected from Petitioner or 1/3d of the warum deducting losses [illegible] by him.–	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to dispose of this Petition by Endorsement.– 17th October 1843.

1361 of 60.	From Coteeswara Iyen and others the authorized Vakeels of the Akdars of Teroomalay Naicks cutlay &ca. performed at the Meenatchee Pagoda in Madura.	Complaining that their constituents the Akdars of the Religious Institutions are improperly made to receive their Tasdeek allowances thro' a Supervisor instead of from the Circar Treasury direct. Comments on the inoperation of the late orders of Government regarding the management of the Davastanum concerns and pray that the Pagoda Endowments be made over to the Akdars.	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura for disposal. 28th October 1843.

(True Extract)

Recd 18th February 1844 JB

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Actg Secretary

Comp. [illegible]

Recd 18 Feby 1844

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Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of September 1843.

Nos	Names of the Petitioners.	Purports of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
1450 of 1843.	From Pooven Chetty son of Veratceten Chetty residing at Vannamoottenputty in Vadamoogum Talook in Madura.	Complains that while himself and three others are joint partners in the Cultivation of certain lands, the Tahsildar exacts the full payment of the Circar dues from Petitioner alone. Prays for orders on the subject.	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to give it such consideration as the case may appear to deserve. 4th September 1843.

297 of 1843.	From Coomara Valappah Gounden and others culti:vating Ryots of Magara:putty subject to the Talook of Lyempully in the Zillah of Madura.-	Complain of their being called upon to account in the Summahbundy for Fusly 1252 the assessment on their rising Crop for Fusly 1253 contrary to established Mamool.-	Referred to the Prin:cipal Collector of Madura for disposal by Endorse:ment.- 8th September 1843.-
1120. of Do.	From Mooneyandy Taven and Coodoomboocoomarum Am:balagars of Koovoorookoot:tam in the Talook of Moodoo Goolattar in Madura.	State that certain lands cultivated by Petitioners in the Village of Koovoorookoottum were upon the transfer of the Village by the Zemindar to one R[illegible] [illegible] on Cowle	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to enquire into and dispose of the sub.

over assessed by the latter and certain mercassy Emoluments enjoyed by Petitioners usurped by him. Pray for particular enquiry and redress.

Reed 18 February 1844 JB

ject by Endorsement.

26th September 1843.

(True Extract)

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Actg Secretary.

Compd [illegible]

Recd 26th March 1844
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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March 1844.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 1st March 1844.

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(Here enter No. 35)

From the Certificate which accompanies the foregoing letter and the Register referred to the above Yeomiah does not appear to be hereditary or to have been granted for service, but as charity. The Board therefore request that the Principal Collector will have the goodness to state on what specific grounds he would recommend that it should be renewed.

(A true Extract)

Despd 22d March 1844

Compd [illegible]

Gn. C. Lamb
Acting Secretary

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Revenue Department.

To

THE Pl COLLECTOR of

Madura.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of Novr & Decr last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Ag Sub Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
21st March 1844.

Desp 22d Do
Recd 26th JB

Madura

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of November 1843

No.	Names of the Petitioners.	Purports of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
1773 of 1843.	From Loobiah Bramin Cowle Durmasanumidar of Moolle-yoody yendul in Trepavanum Talook in Madura.-	Complains that a Village which Petitioner had held on Cowle and which was resumed with many others in Fusly 1248 is withheld from him, tho' the rest have been since restored to their respective Renters. Prays for orders for his being replaced in Charge of the Village in question.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to dispose of this Petition by Endorsement. 1st November 1843.

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1859 of 1843.	From Moottoo Mauselamaney Poolaver son of Mauselamaney Poolaver of Anoomundah in Anoomundagoody Talook in Madura.–	States that the Village of Coloondoorcotta was granted by the late Zemindar of Ramnad in Surwamaniem to Petitioner's Father. that the late manager had afterwards encroached upon the Village lands and dispossessed Petitioner to a certain extent. that he had thereupon complained to the authorities but no redress as yet was granted.–	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura for his notice and disposal.– 11th November 1843.
1457 of do.	From Kristnamah Naicken late Ameenah of Coottacanat	Complains that the present manager of the [illegible]	

	Talook in Ramnad Zemin-dary in Madura.-	-mindary had by inventing false charges against Petitioner extorted from him the sum of 327½ Rupees and dismissed him from Office.- Prays for orders to his being restored to Office and that the amount unjustly exacted from him may be refunded.-	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura, who will be pleased to bestow on it such notice as the case may seem to merit.- 11th November 1843.-
1481 of Co.	From Annavienger the late Police Roysum of Ramaiswa-rum Davustanum in Madura.	Complains of ~~income~~ his having been removed from the Office of Roysum after a service of 20 years without cause.- That he had Petitioned the authorities	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to dispose of this Petition by Endorsement.- 22d November 1843.

authorities repeatedly to no effect.

Prays that his former Office which is now vacant may be conferred on him.

1841 of 1843.	From Muckah Naick son of Ponnappah Naick late Zemindar of Veroopatchy in Lyempully Talook in Madura.	Complains that a Pension of 9. Rupees enjoyed by his late Father has been withheld since his demise in June last. Prays for orders for its continuance to him as he has no other means of support.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report on the subject of this Petition by Endorsement. 25th November 1843.

(True Extract)

Recd 26th March 1844
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Acting Sub Secy.

Cmpd [illegible]

Madura.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of December 1843.

Nos	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
1602 of 1843.	From Moottoocaroopa Pillay residing at Dindigul in Tandecumboo Talook in Madura.	Refers to his former Petition and states that the person therein accused of having embezzled the Circar Revenues and dismissed upon due conviction is again reinstated in Office by the influence of the Circar servants. Prays for orders for instituting a strict enquiry into	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura for his notice and disposal. 1st December 1843.

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		into the matter and to reward Petitioner with a situation for his discovery of the fraud.-	
1226 of 1843.	From Bungamoo Soobamal the lawful Widow of Soobboo=isamy Rajah the son of Kundeanrajah residing at Sickily attached to the Ramnad in Madura.	States that after the decease of her husband in January last, Petitioner submitted an address to the Collector for continuing her an allowance for her support thro' one Dorasamy who deceived her obtaining from her besides gold and silver Jewels to the value of 2000 Rup.^s under pretence of defraying the medical and Funeral Expenses of	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into and dispose of this Petition by Endorsement. 9th December 1843.

		and Funeral Expenses of her late Husband - Hears that this Dorasawmy has since applied and obtained an allowance of 105 Rup^s a Month from Government besides arrears, all which he has appropriated to himself. Prays that the allowance may be granted in Pet^rs name and that Dorasamy and others made dependent on her-	
1525 of D	From Soondarama Iyen Sum-apretty &c^a of Ramaswarum Davastanums in Madura.	Complains of his dismissal from Office by the present Manager of the Zemindary upon certain false charges. Prays for enquiry and redress.-	Referred to the P^l Collector of Madura for enquiry and disposal by Endorsement 9th December 1843.

(True Extract)

J. Lynch

A^g Sub Secretary -

Rec^d 26 March 1844

Comp^d R Newbiggin

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
25th March, 1844.
Recd 4th April 1844

From
C. C. Lovell Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To
J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Departt. Para 1. It has been brought to the notice of the Board of Revenue that a practice obtains in the Tanjore District of farming out the privilege or monopoly of retailing salt along the line of Sea Coast and for the distance of five miles inland - These farms are annually put up to auction and disposed of respectively to the party who engages to take the

largest

largest quantity of Salt from Government at the monopoly rate of 105 Rupees per Garce, as a *minimum* - The renter is at liberty to purchase and sell within the limits of his farm as much more Salt than he contracts for, as he can contrive to do, but if he does not dispose of the *minimum* quantity for which he has contracted, he is not at liberty to carry it *beyond* the limits of his farm - The rate at which the Salt shall be retailed at the several places of sale within each farm is fixed by the Collector, and the object of the practice is stated to be, the repression of the smuggling or illicit manufacture of Salt, so difficult to be guarded against along an exposed line of coast with numerous Salt pans - Salt swamps, and Salt water in-lets, and which it is supposed

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will be checked more efficiently by a renter having a direct interest in its suppression, than it could be by any Government Establishment.

2. The Board beg to be informed whether this practice, or any custom analogous to it, obtains in the District under your management - and if so by whom, at what time, and under what circumstances it was introduced, in what manner it has been found to operate, what is the price of Salt within such farms, as compared with the selling rates in other places where the retail trade is open - what precautions are taken to ensure the adherence of the renter to the prices fixed by the Collector and to prevent the adulteration of the article, - and in general what is your own opinion as to the merits

merits of the system and the propriety
of its continuance -

Rev. Board Office,
Fort St George,
25th March, 1844.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Serv.

Desp. 26 Do
Recd 4 Apl. J B

W. A. [illegible]
Acting Secretary

To
J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura

Comp. [illegible]

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1844

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 7th March 1844.

(Here enter No. 37)

The Board concur in the decision of the Principal Collector and confirm his Proceedings

Ordered that the following endorsement be passed on Petition No. 1801 of 1843.

"From the Proceedings held in this case by the Principal Collector of Madura it appears that the Petitioner has no title to the 1/8 share

of

of the Toty Marafsee which he claims and that it has been properly awarded to the Defendant Caroottha Palany. This appeal is consequently dismissed."

(A true Extract)

Disp^d 16 Ap^l 1864

Rec^d 20th J.B.

Ch. A. Smith
Acting Secretary.

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Answered 1st June 1844

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Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
11th April, 1844.
Recd 23. JB

From

E. C. Lovell Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To

J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Depart. Para 1. With reference to the ques-
-tion of the adjustment of arrears due by
the Proprietor of the Valayguttu Pollam,
Extract Min Cons 10 Feby 1844. Government have been pleased to express
an opinion "that although no abatement
in the Peshcush seems at present to be
called for, yet with reference to the state-
-ments contained in paras 3 and 4 of
your letter of the 1st
October

October last, some portion of the arrears of Rupees 9,3263 - 12 - 6 might be remitted".

I am desired by the Board to request you will be good enough to favor them with your sentiments on this point.

2 It is observed that this Estate has been exempted from any charge for management because no separate officer was appointed for that purpose. But as the separate establishments of the various assumed Pollams were amalgamated on the division of the District into Tahsildaries, by the Moyen Dubitah of 1228 Fusly, it does not appear why Valaygutty should not bear its proportion of the expence in common with the other Pollams. The Board would be glad to know the amount of such a charge from Col^r. Coll^r, Octr 1st. Para 2.

charge together with any reasons that may exist why it should not be demanded

3. The Poligars of Maroongapoory and Veeramallay having forwarded this [Letter of 29th Jany last] your representations of the excessive amount of Peshcush at which they are now assessed, the Board are desirous of being made acquainted with the grounds on which this assertion is supported, together with your opinion of their validity and whether they are deserving of any degree of consideration or otherwise.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

[signature]

Acting Secretary

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
11th April, 1844.
Despd 19d Do
Recd 23d JB

To

J. Blackburne Esqr.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Compd Sndambert

No 347

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 9th April 1844.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council sanctions the grant of 1½ One and a half Cawney of Nunjah waste land in lieu of the same extent taken up for the road from Madura to Allagherry Covil.

Signed G. D. Drury
Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th April 1844.

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing order of Government be transmitted to the Principal Collector of Madura for his information

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information and guidance with reference to his letter of the 2d February last No. 16.

(A true Extract)

Geo. L. Smith
Acting Secretary

Despd 25 April 1844
Recd 28 do JJB
Comp. Jn. Lambert

Recd. 24th May 1844 / B. 218

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th May 1844.

Read Statement from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 31st March 1844.

Here enter

The Board authorize the Estimated Charges amounting to Rupees 1234-5-2 for the repairs &c. of Devastanums and Chuttrums referred to in the foregoing statement, to be defrayed from the surplus funds of those institutions respectively. The Principal Collector will be careful to confine himself to the simple disbursement

disbursement of such of the sums as are to be appropriated to religious works, and will in no way interfere with or control their expenditure.

(True Extract)

[signature]

Acting Secretary.

Desp. 21 May 1844.
Comp. Mozambique
Rec'd 24th JB

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Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
27th May 1844.
Recd 2nd June [illegible]

From

E. C. Lovell Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To

J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Dept.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward to you the accompanying Petition No. 616 of 1844, and to request that you will be pleased to report briefly on the particular circumstances of the case therein set forth.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedt. Servant.

E. C. Lovell
Acting Secretary.

Rev. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
27th May, 1844.
Despd. 29th do.
Recd. 2 June [illegible]

To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Pl. Collr. of Madura.

Compd. [illegible]

Recd. 22 July 1844 [illegible]

Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th July 1844.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 15th June 1844.

(Here enter No. 588)

Resolved that Paras 10 of the above Extract be furnished for the information and guidance of the Collectors in the Provinces.

(A true Extract)

[illegible]

Acting Secretary

Despd 18 July 1844

Recd 22nd [illegible]

Comp. [illegible]

Extract

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th June 1844.

Para 10. Upon a reconsideration of the question and in order to remedy the inconvenience which has been brought to notice of Government, the Most Noble the Governor in Council resolves to direct in modification of all former orders that the following Rules which will be promulgated through the Military Department shall guide the local Officers in the disposal of questions arising on the subject of Lands in Military Cantonments.

1st. That the terms of the Grants which have been obtained for

lands

lands situated in Military Canton-
=ments shall be respected, and that
such lands shall pay the amount
of Quit rent stipulated in those
Grants.-

2ndly. That for all lands in excess
of the extent entered in such Grants,
the ordinary assessment shall be
levied for such excess.-

3rdly. That for all lands for which
Grants have not been obtained, the
ordinary assessment shall be
charged except when that may ex-
exceed the quit rent, in which
case, the amount of Quit rent shall
be levied.-..

(A true Copy)

[signature]
Acting Secretary

Recd 22 July 1844 JB

Compd. [illegible]

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
1st August, 1844.
Recd. 7th JB

From
E. C. Lovell Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.
To
J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revd. Depart. Para 1 With reference to your letter dated 24th May last, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state that they are of opinion that you are competent to re-instate any of the ex Sheragunga Curnums whom you have dismissed on their application to you to that effect.-

2 The Board concur with you in

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in opinion that the Curnums of the Zemindary are legally amenable to the provisions of Regulation IX of 1822, so long as the Estate remains under the management of the Officers of Government. -

Rev. B. Office,
Fort St. George,
1st August 1844.
Despd 3rd Do.
Recd 7th JB

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

[signature]
Acting Secretary

To
J. Blackburne Esqr.
Principal Collector
of
Madura.

Compd. Shotambert

Recd 1st Septr 1844 MB

Rev. Departt. 364

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th August 1844.-

Read Statement from Collector of Madura dated 30th June 1844.-

(Here enter No.) I

The Board authorize the estimated charges amounting to Rupees 6,937-15-6 for the repairs of Devastanums &ca. referred to in the foregoing Statement, to be defrayed from the surplus funds of those Institutions respectively- The Principal Collector will be careful to confine himself to the simple disbursement of such

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of the sums as are to be appropri-
ated to religious works, and will
in no way interfere with, or control
their expenditure.—

(A true Extract)

Ja. M. Smith

Asst. Secretary

Despd 28th Augt 1844.
Compd. Geo Lambert Recd 1 Sepr JJS

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Revenue Department.

To

The P.l COLLECTOR of

Madura.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the month of June last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Ag Sub Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
28th August 1844.

Desp 3 Sep 1844

Recd 7th

Recd 7 Sept 1844 [illegible]

Madura.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of June 1844.

Nos.	Names of the Petitioners	Purports of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
514 of 1844	From Mahommed Ebooraghee Rowten son of Meera Rowten residing at Daserenaiken-putty in Maroongapoory Talook in Madura.	States that Cuttah Rowten and others who having committed murder and Robbery without proper notice on the part of the authorities have been further encouraged to cut down a number of Petr's. productive Tamarind Trees on which Petr. pays assessment to the Circar. Prays for enquiry and redress.	The facts generally set forth in his Petition are of a Magisterial nature with which the Board of Revenue cannot interfere, in reference however to the statement of Petr. bearing trees being cut down the Pl. Collector will be pleased to make enquiry and report by Endorsement. 4th June 1844.

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577 of 1844	From Audeyan Umbalum son of Audeyan Umbalum of Mennackoody subject to the Shevagunga Zemindary in the District of Madura -	States that the Moonsiff and Umbalagar of the Village had cut down certain Trees in the Public Avenue and applied them as materials for their House building, and of which no notice has been taken by the authorities -	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to take any notice of this as may appear to him to deserve - 14th June 1844.
578 of 1844	From Nagary Audyan Um=balum Meerasidar of Veenbalackoody subject to the Poodoocotta Samusthanum in the Zillah of Madura.	Prays for orders for carrying out the decision of the Court passed in his favor in regard to the	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to pass such orders on

		[illegible]	[illegible]
		and which is obstructed by his opponent.	appear to be necessary. 14th June 1844.
678 of 1844	From Rama Gaunden Parasoorama Gaunden and others Inhabitants of Madura.	Complain of their being unjustly and forcibly dispossessed by order of the Principal Collector of a Garden set with Cocoanut Trees and which they had long enjoyed paying the Circar kist. Pray for orders for the Garden being restored to Petrs and the damages done thereto indemnified.	Referred to the Principal Collr. of Madura who will be pleased to report on the subject of this Petition by Endorsement. 14th June 1844.

638 of 1844	From Lungoo Reddy &ca Cultivating Ryots of Valayothapooram Village subject to Ramnad Zemindary in Madura	Complain that the name of one Chundrappah Naick had been without Petitioners consent entered in their Puttahs on certain lands which they hitherto exclusively held in their own name for a long period of time and until Fusly 1250, and that this forcible intrusion is supported by the influence of the manager of the Zemindary, he being a friend to the	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to report on the subject of this Petition by Endorsement 22d June 1844.

party - submit an Endorse-
-ment granted by the Principal
Collector with Petitioners'
observations thereon. -

(True Extract)

J. Hyer[?]
Ag Sub Secretary -

Recd 7 Sept 1844 JB

Compd A. Rawlings[?]

Vide Collrs reply Dt. 12.9.44 No 15[illegible]

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Revenue Board Office,

Fort St. George,

2d September, 1844.

Recd 8th JB

From

E. C. Lovell Esqr.

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

To

J. Blackburne Esqr.

Principal Collector of

Madura.

Revenue Departt.

No. 1018. of 1844.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward to you the accompanying Petition from Poollappah Chetty of your District, and to request that you will be pleased to submit for their information a brief report on the subject of the statement therein

contained

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contained.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
2d September, 1844.
Desp 4th Do.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

[illegible]
Acting Secretary

To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura

Compd. [illegible]

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Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
9th September, 1844.
Recd. 13th /B

From

C. C. Lovell Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

To

J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revenue Depart.

No. 1019 of 1844.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward to you the accompanying Petition from Chettra Narrayana Taver of Ramnad and to request that you will be pleased to report for their information whether you are aware of his having any special claim for support

support from the Estate of the Minor Zemindar of Ramnad.—

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
9th September 1846.
Desp.d 10 Do.
Recd. 15th JB

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servant,

[signature]
Acting Secretary

To
J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Compd. [signature]

Recd. 5th October 1844 JB 45 501

Revenue Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September 1844

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 12th September 1844.

(Here enter No. 150).

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 1018 of 1844.-

"The Board of Revenue, having perused the Report received from the Principal Collector of Madura upon the facts stated in this Petition, approve of the Lands referred to having been restored to the original Proprietor."-

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Acting Secretary

Despd. 2d October 1844
Compd. [illegible] Recd 5th JB

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
1st October, 1844.
Recd 5th JB

From
E. C. Lovell Esqre
Acting Secretary to the Board of
Revenue,
To
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Revenue Depart.

Sir,

Government having been pleased to resolve not to treat the Tondiman State as a Foreign Territory, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will not carry into effect the orders conveyed to you in my letter of the 26th Ultimo
for

for establishing Chokies and collecting Duties on the Frontier of that State.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Revenue Board Office, Fort St George, 1st October 1844. } Your most obedt. servt.

G. Kerr

Acting Secretary—

Despd 1 Dec

Recd 5th JB

To J. Blackburne Esqe.

Principal Collector of

Madura.

Compd. Sitambert

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
7th October 1844.
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From
E. C. Lovell Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To
J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revd. Department

With reference to your letter dated 9th September last, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state that they are of opinion that the Village Pujari whose Maniam land is included in the bed of a tank now in progress of formation at Audipatty in the Thenkarrai Talook
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is not entitled to an equivalent at the hands of Government, but should rather look, for compensation, to the Ryot Allagherry Naik who is forming the tank.—

Revenue Bd. Office, Fort St. George, 7th October, 1824.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

Desp 8 Do.
Recd. 12 Do.

[signature]
Acting Secretary

To
J. Blackburne Esqre.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Compd. Sustambert

Recd 17 October 1844 JB

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Revenue Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1844.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 28th September 1844.

(Here enter No 155)

The Board observe that the orders of Government resolving not to treat the Tondimaun state as a foreign territory were communicated to the Principal Collector under date 1st Instant.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Acting Secretary.

Desp 14th Octr 1844
Comp. [illegible] Recd 17th JB

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Rev. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
8th August, 1844.

No. 339. Recd. 22 October

From
E. C. Lovell Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To
G. D. Drury Esqre.
Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

Rev. Dept. Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the
1/1st June 1844. accompanying communication from the Principal Collector of Madura with reference to the 5th and 7th Paras of my letter to your address under date 11th April last No. 141, on the subject of the restoration of the assumed Madura Pollams.

With

2. With respect to the arrears on the estate of Valayapetty, Mr. Blackburne is of opinion that the whole amount should be remitted if it is intended by such an act of favor to enable the Poligar to retain possession of it. But he considers its restoration to be objectionable on other grounds. He is farther of opinion that there is no legal objection to the demand for administration charges, (amounting to Rupees 23,002-13-7 to the end of Fusly 1252), should the retention of it be deemed otherwise fitting. Altho' the estate has shown itself able to discharge the Peshcush and the sum allowed for the Zemindar's maintenance

maintenance during the last ten years, the Board concur with the Principal Collector in opinion that the Proprietor would be quite unable to discharge a portion even of

+Rs. 23,275- the large arrears+ that have accu-mulated against him; but with reference to Mr Blackburne's ob-servations in the 2d Para. of his letter characterising his administra-tion they are not disposed to recom-mend the large concession of indulgence that can alone render his restoration to the management of his property successful.

3. With reference to the assertion of the Poligar of Marom-gapoory that his Peshcush was fixed

fixed originally too high, the facts of his having paid the full sum regularly for 13 years from Fusly 1212 to 1226 and of the estate having yielded on an average of the last ten years under amanee management Rups 29,263-14-2, the settled Peshcush being Rups 20,576-10-10 — are decisive.

4. The same observations apply to Veeramalay. The amount of the permanent Settlement was discharged uninterruptedly during 13 years, and the average Collections of the Government Officers for the last 10 years have been Rups 17,567-15-6 - the Peshcush being Rupees 15,107-5-6.

5. Mr Blackburne observes that in the event of Government determining to restore these Estates, the

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the arrears should be remitted in all three cases, and farther that the Peshcush should be reduced in Valayaputty and Veeramalay.
Para 7. But he deprecates the exercise of so great liberality towards a class who have never shown themselves worthy to be entrusted with a power on which the happiness of so large a number of persons, depends.

6. In conclusion the Board desire to point out that if the arrears of these estates should be remitted it might be proper to extend the same favor to other proprietors who have either accepted the terms originally proposed

proposed by Government or have already redeemed their Estates by the payment of the whole balance.-

Revᵈ Bᵈ office, Fort Sᵗ George, 8ᵗʰ August, 1844. } I have &ca (Signed) C. C. Lovell Actg Secretary

To
J. D. Drury Esqʳᵉ
Chief Secretary to
Government.

Extract

No. 994.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 20th September, 1844.

Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a communication from the Principal Collector of Madura relative to the restoration of the assumed Madura Pollums, with the Board's sentiments on the subject.

(Here enter 8th August, 1844) No. 339.

Para 1. The Most Noble the Governor in Council having had under consideration the circumstances of the assumed Pollems of Valaputty, Maroongapoory and Veeramalay, and the objections expressed by the Principal Collector of Madura and the Board of Revenue to their restoration

restoration, sees nothing in the cases of the Proprietors of these Estates that would warrant so large a concession of indulgence as that submitted and which would, it is stated, alone enable them to manage their property with any prospect of success.

2. The application of the Zemindars will however be brought to the notice of the Honorable the Court of Directors and their orders requested on the subject.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) G. D. Drury
Chief Secretary

Recd 22 October 1844 J.J.

Extract

523 Recd 22d October 1844 /B

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1844.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation and of the Board's letter to which it refers be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to his letter dated 1st June 1844 No. 90.

(A true Extract)

Geo. Clark

Asst. Secretary

Despd. 18 Octr. 1844.
Compd. [illegible]

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George,
31st October 1844.
Recd. 6th Novr. [illegible]

From
E. C. Lovell Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To
J. Blackburne Esqr.
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revd. Departt.

With reference to your Endorsement dated the 23rd Instant on Petition No. 607 of 1844, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will be pleased to report more fully on the subject therein adverted to, and stating also the party who was last in possession of the

Village

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Village in question.-

Recd Bd Office,
Fort St George,
31st October 1844.
Desp 2d Novr Do
Recd 6th JB

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[signature]
Acting Secretary

To
J. Blackburne Esqr
Principal Collector
of
Madura.-

Compd. [signature]

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Recd 5th Novr

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
31st October 1844.
Recd 5th Inst

From

E. C. Lovell Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To

J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Revl Department.

With reference to my letter dated the 26th Ultimo Enclosing Petitions No 1110 and 1111 of 1844. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit a further Petition from the same individual for your consideration and report.

* not forth coming in this Book the letter from B 26 Sept 1844.

No 1255 of 1844.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servant,

E. C. Lovell
Acting Secretary

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
31st October 1844.
Recd 1st Novr Do Recd 5th Inst
J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura.

Compd. Sholambert

Recd 25 November 1844

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th November 1844.

Read Statement from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 30th September 1844.

The Board authorize the estimated charges amounting to Rupees 1762 : 15 : 9 for the repairs of Chetrums &ca referred to in the fore-going Statement to be defrayed from the surplus Funds of those Institutions respectively. The Principal Collector will be careful to confine himself to the simple disbursement of such of the sums as are to be appropriated

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to religious works and will in no way interfere with, or control their expenditure.—

(A true Extract)

Wm. A. Lach

Acting Secretary.—

Despd 21st November 1844

Compd. Thos Lambert

Recd 25 Novr 1844

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Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 21st November 1844.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 5th November 1844.

(Here enter No 180)

The Board approve the proceedings reported in the foregoing letter.

(A true Extract)

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Acting Secretary

Despd 22d November 1844

Compd [illegible]

Recd 11th December 1844

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th November 1844.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 2d November 1844.—

(Here enter No 179)

Para — The Board request that Mr Blackburne will be good enough to state whether with reference to the custom prevailing in the Cunnewadyi family he considers Coomara Narasimmia Appia Naick is entitled to succeed to the estate as nearest heir of the late Zemindar, and whether in such case he would propose that any provision should be made for

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the widows of the deceased Zemindar.—

and at all Under the circumstances

noticed in the concluding Para of the

above letter it may be advisable, the

Board think, to delay a little the

registry of the Estate in the name

of the present claimant, until it

can be ascertained whether there is

any expectation of issue being born

to the late Zemindar.—

(A true Extract)

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Acting Secretary

Despd 7 Decr 1844

Recd 11th JB.

Compd [illegible]

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
2nd December 1844.
Recd. 27 [illegible]

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No. 577.

From
E. C. Lovell Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To
G. D. Drury Esqre.
Chief Secretary to
Government

Sir,

Revd. Departt.

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council the accompanying letter with Enclosures from the Principal Collector of Madura, reporting the institution of a Suit in the late Southern Provincial Court against himself and the late Head Sheristadar of his Cutcherry ... Shashagherry

[illegible] November 1844.

Shashagherry Row transmitting also translation of the Plaint and of the answer which he proposes to file in the case.-

2 The object of this Suit is to recover possession of a Village with mesne profits for five years from Fusly 1247 (A.D. 1837/38) to 1251 (1841/42). such Village having as it is asserted been conferred in the year Satharana or A.D. 1790/91 by the then Zemindar of Shevagunga on the ancestors of the Plaintiffs on Surva Manneum or entire free gift tenure and enjoyed by them on these terms until Fusly 1247 (A.D. 1837/38). when it was unjustly assumed under the authority of the 1st Defendant (the Principal Collector) and by the means of the 2nd the Head Sheristadar of his Cutcherry.-

3 In his answer the Principal

Collector

Collector states that the Village in question was granted on Service tenure by a former Zemindar of Shevagunga to the Ancestors of the Plaintiffs who enjoyed it as a free gift until the year Routhree, but on the ensuing
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Fusly 1211 on another Zemindar succe-
A.D. 1801/2
-ing to the Estate, he assumed the Village and it consequently was inserted as Am in the permanent settlement Account prepared during that year. Afterwards the Principal Collector continues, in Fusly 1212 the parties were again placed
A.D. 1802/3
by the Zemindar in possession of the Village which they held on Quit rent until Fusly 1233, when it was assumed
A.D. 1823/24
by the Proprietor in consequence of the Quit Rent not being duly paid and on the Plaintiffs forcibly removing part of the produce they were prosecuted

in the Registrar's Court by the Zemindar who obtained a Decree in his favor on the ground of the Village being Ain. no appeal having been made against such decision. The Plaintiffs came afterwards to an arrangement with the Zemindar, and on agreeing to pay him a certain rate of Quit rent, they were in Fusly 1236 (1826/27) re-instated in the Village - they continued to hold it till Fusly 1240 (1830/31) when the whole Zemindary being sequestrated for arrears this Village also was assumed and it's proceeds carried to account in the settlement of Fusly 1242 (A.D. 1832/33). The Zemindary was subsequently released and with it the Village which the Plaintiffs once more obtained from the Proprietor and held till Fusly 1246 (1836/37) when the Zemindary came a second time under

sequestration

sequestration. For that Fusly the Village according to the usual practice was suffered to remain in possession of the Plaintiffs - in the beginning of the next it was assumed as Ain by Proclamation (23rd August 1837) and the offer made by the Plaintiffs in writing (16th November 1839) to hold it on Quit rent being refused under the orders of the Board of Revenue it was kept under Amanie until the recent restoration of the whole Estate to the Zemindar, at which time the Village in dispute was also given up to him - Under the circumstances as above detailed the Principal Collector contends that, the Village having been entered as Ain in the settlement accounts of Fusly 1211 / A.D. 1801/2 - having been constantly treated as such by the Zemindars

since that time, and the Plaintiffs having virtually admitted it to be of that class by their offer 16th November 1839 to hold it on Quit rent, he was fully justified in assuming it as part of the assets of the Shevagunga Estate — he further urges that the 2nd Defendant (the Head Sheristadar) should be relieved of all responsibility on account of the proceeding in as much as that individual merely acted under his orders and authority. —

4 The answer which the Principal Collector proposes to put in appears to the Board fully to meet all the points alleged by the Plaintiff, and to be a good and valid defence — they therefore beg to recommend that the Principal Collector may receive authority to file it and to conduct

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the defence of the Action at the public charge.

Rev. Bd. Office, Fort St George, [illegible] December 1844 } (Signed) E. C. Lovell Act. Secretary

To G. D. Drury Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 14th December 1844.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council grants authority for the defence in the first instance at the public expense of the Suit No. 3 of 1844, instituted against the Principal Collector of Madura and the late Head Sheristadar, by Moy[...] Khan Kory and others, to recover possession of a Village assumed as ain

air, but will determine on a copy of the Decree being laid before him, whether the costs, if any be adjudged against the Principal Collector, shall be borne by that Officer or by Government.

(Signed) I. F. Thomas
Actg. Chief Secretary

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th December 1844.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing order of Government and of the Board's letter to which it relates be communicated for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura, with reference to the correspondence

noted

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[illegible] Pind. Colls. 6th Nov. Do. 25th Do. noted in the margin. —

(A true Extract)

Geo. [illegible]
Acting Secretary

Despd. 16th Decr. 1814
Recd. 27 [illegible]
Comp. [illegible]

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Revenue Department

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No. 751 Re.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 27th July 1844.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders on the letter in this Department from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 1st May 1844 No. 12.

Resolved that a Copy of this Despatch and of its Enclosure be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Board of Revenue with reference to their Acting Secretary's letter dated 5th July 1838. No. 294.

Revenue Department.

No. 12 of 1844.

Our Governor in Council at Fort St. George,

With reference to the correspondence

from Mr. Secy. Reid to Mr. Chamier dated 7th May 1838. — from Mr. Secy. Chamier to Mr. Secy. Reid dated 17th July 1838.

orrespondence between your Government
nd that of Bombay referred to in
he Margin relative to the right of
yots in Jaghire and Enam Villages
o participate in any general measures
f improvement which may be
dopted by Government in the revenue
dministration of the districts in
which such Jaghire or Enam lands
re situated, we transmit for your
information and guidance, so far as
the instructions therein contained may
e applicable to the circumstances of
your Presidency, an Extract (paras 2 to 17)
f a Despatch which we addressed to
he Government of Bombay in the Revenue
epartment under date the 27th March last No 5/-

London, }
th May, 1844 }

We are &c &c
(Signed) John Shepherd
Henry Willock
&c &c

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Extract Revenue Letter to Bombay, dated 27th March (No. 5) 1844.

Letter dated 12th June (No. 55) 1843 Submitting proceedings connected with the question as to the right of Government to interfere with the Assessment of Inam Villages.

Para 2 In this letter you have referred for our decision the question "how "far Government would be "borne out in exercising any interference "in Villages the Revenues of which "have been alienated from the "State in cases in which such in="terference would appear to be "called for by the condition of the Ryots, "or rendered desirable the more "fully and extensively to carry into "effect those measures of amelioration "which are from time to time intro="duced by Government for the improve="ment of the Country, or in other words

"words whether the Ryots in an
"alienated Village can claim to
"participate in all those benefits
"of reduced assessment, abolished
"taxation &c which the ruling
"authority may extend as a general
"measure over the District in which
"the Village is situated".—

3 The question as stated by you embraces a wider field of discussion than it seems necessary to enter upon at present, the main points upon which our decision is desired appearing to be first, whether an Inamdar or other party to whom the Land Revenue of the State has been assigned, is compelled to regulate his assignments according to the rates established

established in the Government Lands of the District in which his Inam lands are situated; and secondly if by a compulsory reduction of the rates to those established in the Government Lands the Inamdar sustains a positive loss of income, is he entitled to be compensated by Government for such loss?

4 Lands which under any title are exempted from the payment of Revenue to the State may be generally classed under the following heads.—

1st Lands cultivated by the Inamdars themselves.—

2dly Lands cultivated by Ryots paying rent to the Inamdar, but possessing no proprietary interest in

in the soil, and

3rdly Lands cultivated by Meerasdars and others possessing proprietary interest in the soil and paying Revenue to the Inamdar.

5 With regard to the 1st class, it is obvious that no interference can be called for, the payer and receiver of revenue being the same party.

6 With respect to the second class in which the land is cultivated by Ryots possessing no right or interest in the soil but under arrangements mutually agreed upon between themselves and the Inamdars, there can be no necessity for any interference on the part of Government

Government for the purpose of prevent-
-ing the Inamdar from demanding
whatever rates he may think prope[r]
If his demands are exorbitant the
cultivators having no tie to any
particular Village may transport
their labour to another place where
the assessment is more moderate,
and thus the Inamdar will be
compelled by a regard to his own
interests to keep his demands
within moderate bounds.-

7 The practical difficulty
arises with regard to the third
class of Lands, Viz^t. those which are
cultivated by Meerasidars or
others under whatever name who
may profess a proprietary interest
in the soil.-

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8 The title of the Meeras-
sidar to possess the land on pay-
-ment of the Government Revenue
is no less valid and probably much
more ancient than that of the
Inamdar to receive the Revenue and
apply it to his own purposes, and
the Government is equally bound
to protect each in the enjoyment of
their respective rights - If the
Inamdar is held to be entitled
to demand whatever money rate
he pleases under the name of
Revenue due to him, or even such
a rate as in former times, or at
the date of the original grant
was actually paid, but which
from the alteration which has
taken place in the relative
values

values of money and agricultural produce can no longer be realized, it is obvious that the immemorial rights of the Meerassidars will be rendered worthless. –

9 It appears to us that the difficulty may be most readily surmounted by a recurrence to the original principles on which the Land Revenue is based. –

10 The right of Government consists in its title to receive from the Meerassidar a share of the produce of the land, or more strictly a share of the surplus produce after payment of the expenses of cultivation, the practice of receiving Revenue in kind has been as

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far as possible abolished in all Government Villages, and the Government share is commuted into money at what is calculated to be a fair average price.— It is obvious that the amount of money to be paid by the Ryot as the equivalent for the Government share must vary with every fluctuation in the relative values of money and agricultural produce, but as such fluctuations are likely to be neither violent nor sudden it has been considered sufficient for the interests of both parties, and especially in order that the Ryot may not be kept in a state of constant uncertainty

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as to the money amount which he may be called on to pay, that the necessary adjustment should be effected occasionally and at definite periods, thus in the recently surveyed and assessed Districts under your Presidency the rates have been fixed for a period of thirty years at the expiration of which they become liable to revision and if necessary to readjustment.

11 If this exposition of the nature and extent of the right of Government be admitted to be correct, it is clear that this right and this only is possessed by the Inamdar or other Assignee of

of the Revenue. All that he
can demand of the Meerasidar
is the share of the produce
which was the property of Govern=
=ment, either in kind or its equi=
=valent in money at the current
price of the day. He can set up
no claim to any fixed and invari=
=able money rate which from
the change in the relative value
of grain and money may no longer
represent the share of produce
to which he is entitled.—

12. The ascertainment of the
share of the produce to which
Government could equitably lay
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claim, is an operation essentially belonging to the functions of the Revenue Officers of Government, and to which the Judicial tribunals are from their constitution incompetent. We are therefore of opinion that any interference which may be required between the Zemindar and those holding under him should be entrusted solely to the Collector within whose charge the lands may be situated.—

13 Whenever any Ryot possessing a proprietary interest in the land should consider the demand of the Zemindar to be exorbitant, he should be at liberty to make a

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representation thereof to the Collector of the District, who on being satisfied of the existence of such proprietary interest on the part of the complainant should proceed to ascertain the share of the produce to the payment of which the land is justly liable, and the Inamdar should be restricted from demanding more than such share of the produce, or its equivalent in money, and in case of any dispute arising between the Inamdar and the Ryot as to the amount of such equivalent in money, the Ryot should be at liberty to discharge his Revenue in kind. —

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Under an arrangement of this nature (for which we appre=hend a Legislative enactment would be necessary) it appears to us that the just rights of both parties would be maintained, and although we do not anticipate that the intervention of the Collector would often be called in we consider that the knowledge that an appeal was open to his authority in the event of an excessive demand on the part of the Zumindar or of a contumacious refusal to pay his just dues on that of the Ryots would be generally sufficient to induce both the parties to come to an

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amicable adjustment of their difference.

15 With respect to the
second question whether an Inamdar
would be entitled to compensation
for any loss which he might
sustain by a compulsory reduction
of the rates, we may observe that
with regard to such lands as
were cultivated by himself or by
Ryots possessing no proprietary
rights in the soil, he would in
no way be interfered with. If
he should be compelled to reduce
his rates on land belonging to
Meerasdars it would only be to
that amount in the payment of
which they have a right to hold them
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with which any claim of right on his part to exact more would be inconsistent. As he would therefore be deprived of nothing to which he could justly lay claim, he could be entitled to no compensation. –

16 The only case as it occurs to us in which any question of compensation could arise would be where lands had been granted with the express view of producing to the Inamdar a specific annual rental. If by any compulsory modifications in the assessment his income from the land should be reduced below that amount, Government might perhaps be called

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called on to make good the deficiency.—

17. As regards the introduction of the new Survey and Assessment into all Inam Villages, a point on which you have requested to be furnished with our instructions, we are of opinion that all that is required is an accurate measurement and record of the boundaries of such lands as are not subject to the payment of Revenue to the State, and that no interference of any sort should be exercised with the internal concerns or subdivisions of the Villages. If in any case the Inamdars themselves are desirous that the survey and classification of the lands should be

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extended to their Villages, it will
be expedient that their wishes
should be complied with, as by
that means the survey records
of the District will be rendered
more complete. But we desire that
the officers attached to the survey
may be strictly prohibited without
such consent on the part of the
Inamdars from doing more than
laying down the boundaries of
the Inam lands, as we are persuaded
that the measurement and
classification of the Lands them-
-selves would be regarded as a measure
preliminary to the exercise of a
general interference in the internal
concerns of the Villages, and
would

would tend to excite feelings of
distrust and dissatisfaction on
the part of the proprietors.

(True Extract and Copy)
(Signed) G. D. Drury
Chief Secretary

Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue, dated 28th December 1846

Resolved that a copy of
the foregoing Extract from the Minutes
of Consultation and of the letter from
the Honorable Court of Directors to
which it refers be transmitted for
the information and guidance of the
several Collectors and Government
Agents in the Provinces.

(A true Extract)
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Secretary

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